

BLACK RIVER FALLS
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FOUNDATION
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Grant Application Information

Application Form Attached or Available Online
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We appreciate your interest in a Black River Falls Area Foundation grant. The Foundation carefully screens requests for funds from community organizations for projects that could enhance the quality of life.

Any non-profit organization in Jackson County may apply for a grant. Applications will be accepted April 1 through May 15. A copy of the organization's tax-exempt status is required.

Grant applications are evaluated with consideration to the policies, funding objectives and the mission statement of the Foundation. General categories of support include: education, health services, cultural activities, social services and civic projects. Grants to be considered are those that meet charitable needs of:

- A new or innovative nature to fulfill unmet needs
- One-time projects
- Capital improvements
- Equipment needs
- Start-up expenses
- Special programs
- Emergency funding

Requests to support endowments, operating expenses, debt repayment, religious purposes, individuals, and lobbying expenses are usually discouraged.

The Foundation's Board of Trustees will make the selection of grant recipients. Upon completion of the grant project, an evaluation is required to determine the effectiveness of Foundation support. The Foundation welcomes questions about the application process, as well as other Foundation services. Further information is available from any Foundation Trustee.

— OUR MISSION STATEMENT —

It is the mission of the Black River Falls Area Foundation to enhance the quality of life in the Black River Falls area by:

- *Providing a vehicle for donors with diverse community interests*
- *Protecting donations through prudent investing and stewardship*
- *Serving as a resource and catalyst to accomplish community projects*
- *Expanding our communities' endowment by encouraging philanthropy*

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GRANT APPLICATION FORM

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April 1, 2011

Date: _____

Name of Organization: Forrest Street Early Learning Center
Address: 720 Forrest Street
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Contact Person: Kindergarten Teacher
Telephone: 715-284-9406

Attach a copy of your latest Internal Revenue Service Exempt Determination Letter under Section 501(C)(3)

Briefly describe use of Grant Funds:

Our goal is to utilize iPod/iPad technology to better benefit, 4K, kindergarten, 1st grade and special Education students at Forrest Street Early Learning Center. We are asking for \$14,000.00 in total to purchase 2 complete classroom sets of iPod touches and accessories (protective cases and pens) as well as 4 iPads for special education students. 2 docking/charging stations, 7 initial apps per devices as well as iTunes gift cards to purchase future applications.

Project Summary: Briefly describe the project to be funded by the grant, the number of persons who will benefit, the human or community needs it is intended to meet, the results to be accomplished, and how you will evaluate the success of the project.

Having iPods touches and iPads in our classrooms will allow us to work in a large and small group setting while allowing us to also meet individual RTI (Response To Intervention) needs of all students. Having personalized applications for each student will allow them to work at their own level and pace on targeted skills. This flexibility in learning allows each student to make greater gains across the curriculum on their own. This will allow them practice in critical thinking, technology use and problem solving independently.

Forrest Street Early Learning Center staff has been working hard at aligning our curriculum to the National Core Standards while integrating 21st Century skills and meeting RTI (Response To Intervention) requirements. As early elementary teachers we are faced with the challenge of meeting all students individual needs were they are at when they enter our classrooms. Research show s that it takes students 25 repetitions of a particular academic skill before they can master said skill. Therefore, teachers need to have multiple strategies to teach the same academic concept to each student's particular need. This technology will provide classrooms with another tool to meet student needs. This technology

Have you approached other sources for support? X Yes No (If yes, List Sources)

Educational Enrichment Fund

Lunda Charitable Trust

If the Black River Falls Area Foundation funds a portion of your request, what alternative plans do you have for additional funding?

If we are granted a portion of our request we hope that one of the other foundations that we are applying to will grant us additional funding.

Use Attachments or this Additional Space, if Necessary

See attachments for budget outline and sample schedule of technology usage.

If our application is funded, we agree to complete and submit a Grant Evaluation Form provided by the Foundation within one year from the date the funds are received.

Officer's Name (Print)

Title

Signature

Contact Person (Print)

Title

Signature

Mail Completed Application to:

Gil Homstad, Chairman
Black River Falls Area Foundation
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